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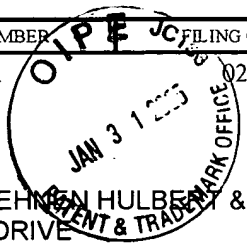
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o)). See Figure(s) 1-9B.

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application.

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Response to Notice To File Corrected Application Papers dated November 29, 2004
- b) Copy of Notice To File Corrected Application Papers dated November 29, 2004
- c) Formal Drawings (Figures 1-9, 8 sheets)
- d) Return Receipt Postcard

2. With respect to fees:

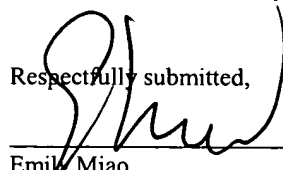
- a) No fee is due at the present time.
- b) General Authorization: Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE

In response to the Notice to file corrected Application papers dated November 29, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment.

An "Amendment to the Figures" section starts on page 2.

An "Amendment to the Specification" section starts on page 3.

A "Remarks" section starts on page 6.